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SUBJECT: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. HAPPILY THE CITY REMAINS QUIET (EXCEPT FOR AN
ISOLATED CLASH IN AIN RUMMANEH-CHIYAL) AND ACTION HAS
SHIFTED TO POLITICAL FRONT. KARAEM IN COMPANY OF KHADDAM
VISITED A MEETING OF HIGHER MILITARY COMMITTEE YESTERDAY TO
LEND ENCOURAGEMENT TO NORMALIZATION MEASURES. KARAME
ISSUED A CALL FOR ALL LEBANESE TO REJOIN THEIR ARMY,
GENDARME OR POLICE UNITS, SPECIFYING THERE WOULD BE
NO PUNISHMENT FOR HAVING LEFT THEM. LEBAL PRESS HAS
FRANGIE GOING TO DAMASCUS NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY,
THOUGH WE NOTE SYRIAN PAPER STILL SAYS IT WILL BE BEFORE
TUESDAY. SUNNI MUFTI OF #
RHJXPVWAOLICTKT#SOLDING A MEETING
LEB MOSLEM LEADERS TODAY TO DISCUSS MOSLEM AIMS AND STRATEGY
BOTH IN REGARD TO THE CURRENT AGREEMENT AND REFORMS BEYOND
IT. AT END OF MEETING WITH PALESTINIAN WARH SFXH#INCLUDING
YASSER ARAFAT, ZOHER MOHSEN AND NAYEF HAWATMEH) YESTERDAY,
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KHADDAM ANNOUNCED THAT SYRIA WOULD GUARANTEE EXECUTION OF

THE CAIRO ACCORD ON THE PART OF THE PALESTINIANS. JUMBLATT IS BEING CONSULTED BY TELEPHONE IN THESE MATTERS BUT HAS BEEN LESS IN THE FOREFRONT THAN THE OTHER LEADERS. HE CONTINUES TO SNIPE AT FRANGIE THROUGH THE PRESS, CALLING FOR FRANGIE'S RESIGNATION AND TODAY ACCUSING HIM OF PLANNING TO REPLACE HIMSELF WITH ANOTHER MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY, WHO IS GENERALLY ASSUMED TO BE DR. LUCIEN DAHDAH, BROTHER OF HIS SON-IN-LAW.

2. PRESS PLAYS UP STATEMENT BY ZOHER MOHSEN THAT LEBANESE ARMY LIEUTENANT WHO WAS YESTERDAY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN SYRIA FOR TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH HAVING ATTACKED KHADDAM'S CONVOY TROOPS HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. ISSUE SHOWS SIGNS OF BECOMING A RED HERRING, PARTICULARLY AS THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE ON PART OF ANY MUTINOUS ARMY TROOPS.

3. TRAFFIC IN THE CITY CONTINUES TO PICK UP IN THE ABSENCE OF MANY ARMED MEN IN THE STREETS. VISA SECTION BEING SWAMPED BY APPLICANTS. HOWEVER, CITY CENTER HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED BY LAST ROUNDS AND THOSE BEGINNING TO DIG OUT ARE ESTIMATING LONG PASSAGE OF TIME BEFORE THEY CAN GET THEIR ECONOMICS IN SHAPE AGAIN, EVEN IF SECURITY CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

4. WE ARE BY SEPARATE CABLE OUTLINING LTCAL NEEDS OF REFUGEES FROM DEVASTATED AREAS OF THE CITY. MAIN POINT

IS THAT FOOD SUPPLIES, EVEN INCLUDING POWDERED MILK, ARE AVAILABLE, BUT IT IS A QUESTION OF GETTING THEM AT THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM AND CANNOT PAY FOR THEM.
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